

June 30, 1998

Dear Mr. Snow,

I attended the CalFed public hearing in Santa Rosa. I've done a fair amount of reading regarding the alternatives.

I strongly urge CalFed to now create and consider a fourth major category of alternatives--one which stresses water conservation, water quality, and habitat restoration.

You've certainly heard from Friends of the River, CalTrout, the Sierra Club. I hope you'll seriously consider their recommendations.

If "Upstream, the source for California's salmon activists, Spring 1998", is correct, "CalFed's goal is to conserve less than one percent of the water currently used by agriculture." This is totally unacceptable. It implies ignorance of current and evolving conservation practices or it implies an already determined choice of plans--the entire public input process then being little more than an expensive farce.

I oppose any expansion of Shasta Dam. The reasons are numerous.

I oppose any peripheral canal. The reasons are numerous.

I oppose any expansion of the Lake Berryessa reservoir.

I oppose proposed restoration objectives for upper watershed forest management.

I oppose, I oppose, I oppose.... etc.

I support the remaining trout and salmon and the sturgeon and the striped bass. Did engineers ever really tell us in advance what damage the infamous pumps near Tracy would do over the years? Do they really know/are we really hearing the extent of the damages that would be done now by more dams and diversion canals and their accompanying hardware?

I find some flaws in all 12 of your plans. I urge you to formulate AT LEAST one new alternative that, minus new dams and canals, maximizes efficient water use, water conservation, water quality, and habitat restoration methods. And please, let those who use water, pay a proper price for it. Metering or otherwise measuring water use is a must.

Though it's important to right past wrongs as soon as possible, it's even more important that we create no further wrongs. Please take the time to move beyond original alternatives. The bay and delta deserve the best

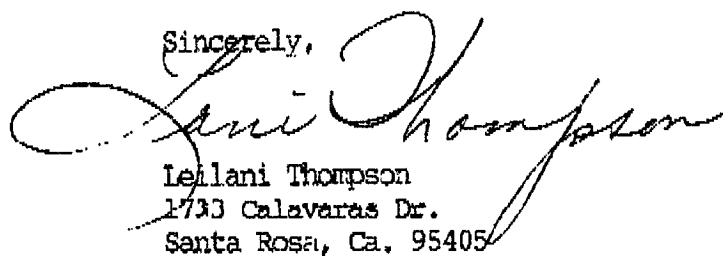
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we can do for them.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leilani Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

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